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Belgium-Congo: The future of Belgium's vital military and technical assistance program to the Congo is being jeopardized by a growing financial dispute between Brussels and Leopoldville.

Premier Tshombé's current demand that Brussels turn over immediately to Leopoldville the portfolio of properties held by the Belgians before 1960 has created a serious incident, according to Foreign Minister Spaak. [He told Ambassador MacArthur on 3 December that additional Belgian assistance is "out of the question" unless and until Tshombé is reasonable about the portfolio issue.]

Meanwhile, Brussels has informed Tshombé and Kasavubu that it regards his 4 December nationalization measure--revoking Belgian mining concession rights and apparently repudiating the Spaak-Adoula agreement on the portfolio problem--as an "unfriendly act." [On the same day, the Belgian ambassador in Leopoldville told Ambassador Godley that Tshombé's unilateral action is likely to adversely affect the Belgian parliament's vote on funds for additional technical assistance personnel for the Congo.]

At present, Belgium is refusing on financial grounds to provide urgently needed 50-caliber ammunition and rocket pods to the Congolese Air Force contingent.

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*Sudan: Large-scale race rioting in Khartoum between negroid southerners and Arab Sudanese is likely to cause serious problems for the unsettled regime.

Separatist demonstrations by southerners on 6 December quickly became violent and provoked anti-southern rioting among the Arabs. Possibly one hundred negroes were trapped in the American Presbyterian Mission, most of which was set on fire. The police and army, greatly weakened by the recent political upheavals, have taken little action.

The civilian regime came into power pledging immediate steps to solve the problem of the south, where a terrorist separatist movement had been in progress for more than a year. No talks have yet taken place between southern and northern leaders, however, and the southerners have already expressed dissatisfaction with their weak numerical representation in the government.

Traditional southern distrust of the former slave-trading north has probably been heightened by the government's present dealings with the Congolese rebels. [Southern leaders have reportedly disavowed the Stanleyville regime.]

Further disturbances could spark renewed terrorist activity in the south and may force postponement of the elections now scheduled for April. The Sudanese Communist Party, which would benefit most from such delay, may now attempt to aggravate the racial tensions.

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NOTE

Communist China - UN: Peiping has again flatly rejected any form of a "two Chinas solution" in the UN. An editorial in the 4 December People's Daily specifically ruled out a proposal by what it called "well-intentioned friends" to seat Communist China first before evicting Nationalist China. The editorial went on to warn that none of several plans to allow Nationalist China to retain some association with the UN--such as placing Taiwan under a UN trusteeship, or allowing Taiwan observer status--would be acceptable to Peiping.

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